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In re the Application of

Sylvain ORENGA

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For: CULTURE AND IDENTIFICATION MEDIA SPECIFIC OF DIFFERENT SPECIES OF
CANDIDA AND ANALYSIS METHODS

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In reply to the October 23, 2002, Office Action, please amend the above-identified
application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 3 and 13-18 without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject
matter contained therein.

Please replace claims 1, 2, 9 and 20 as follows:

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1. (Amended) Culture medium for the specific identification and/or
differentiation of *Candida albicans* and *Candida tropicalis* yeast, comprising a chromogenic
or fluorogenic substrate that can be hydrolyzed by an enzyme of the hexosaminidase family
wherein the medium also comprises at least one compound that selectively inhibits the
hexosaminidase activity of *C. tropicalis*, wherein said compound is not formamide.